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MEMORANDUM to Rear Admiral John E. Gingrich, Director, Security and Intelligence, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Joint Intelligence Research Project.

1. Reference to the exchange of correspondence between Admiral Strauss of the AEC and Admiral Hillenkoetter of the CIG under dates of 23 May and 12 June 1947 regarding the status of work of the German atomic energy project and the related documents brought to this country therefrom, as well as to informal conversations between members of the Nuclear Energy Group of the CIG and the Declassification Section of the AEC (specifically Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. DeHoffman, respectively) indicates that it would probably be of profit to both organizations to analyze all available data and develop some conclusions as to the technical knowledge that existed in Germany.

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2. Though the German material has received sporadic attention since its capture, and is now being exploited for specific technical information which may be of value to research, it is understood that an exhaustive overall study has not been made. It appears that such a study would be of great benefit to the Commission in formulating policy on declassification matters for the American project; and it would also be of benefit to the CIG in estimating the amount of scientific knowledge that may have become available to other countries through German personnel, reports, and technical papers.

3. It is therefore recommended that the AEC and the CIG jointly examine all German technical material available to both organizations, with the objective of reaching conclusions of mutual benefit.

4. Your comments as to feasibility of the project and your suggestions as to best procedure to pursue in order to achieve the objective would be appreciated.

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